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MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, the 25th February 1970.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. D. KOTHAVALE) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given),

Stock of Paddy/Rice in Karwar

803. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).-

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state:—

- (a) whether about 29,000 quintals of paddy and 6,200 quintals of rice procured during 1968-69 and earlier is yet to be lifted or made use of in Karwar. North Kanara District:
- (b) whether paddy and some other foodgrains are almost rotting in the godowns in the District;
- (c) whether Government would order an enquiry to fix responsibility for this state of affairs and also to avoid such wastage of foodgrains anywhere in the State in future?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).--

- (a) Out of paddy procured during 1968-69 in North Kanara District there is a stock of—
 - (i) 22,218-00 quintals of paddy.
 - (ii) 3,477-73 quintals of rice.
 - (b) No.
 - (c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b).

Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES.—In answer (a) you have stated that 2.,218 quintals of paddy and 4,477-73 quintals of rice were in stock out of the paddy procured during 1968-69 in North Kanara District. I want to know whether they are fit for human consumption?

† Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—Excepting 14 quintals and 73 Kgs, the rest of the stock is fit for human consumption.

Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES.—In answer to (b) you have stated 'no'. It cannot be true. According to the statement which had appeared in the Indian Express about 2,260 quintals of rice and 2,250 quintals of wheat lifted by the agents were rotten and unfit for human consumption. I want to know whether this fact has come to the notice of the Government?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—The paper report is not correct.

Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES.—If it was a wrong statement, why the Government did not give a correct statement? You could have come out with correct statement stating that what had appeared in the Press is wrong. What action you have taken regarding this matter?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—It is a general practice of the Government not to contradict every statement that comes in the Press. We have looked into the matter and got a report from the Deputy Commissioner and according to that report, only 14 quintals and 73. Kgs were spoiled and the rest of the stock is in perfect condition.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಲ್ಲ ಎಚ್. ಜ್ಞಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ನಾರಾಯಣ್.—ಬತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಅಹಾರ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿ ಗಳು ಕೊಳೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವದಲ್ಲದೆ 1969ನೇ ನವೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇಖರಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ 3 ಸಾವಿರ ಕ್ಟಿಂಟಾರ್ ನಕ್ಕರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಸಾವಿರ ಕ್ಟಿಂಟಾರ್ ನಕ್ಕರೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿ ಉಳಿದ 2 ಸಾವರ ಕ್ಟಿಂಟಾರ್ ನಕ್ಕರೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಳೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅರೀತಿ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸದೇ ಇರುವ ನಕ್ಕರೆ ಉತ್ತಮ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೆಯೇ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮಾಡಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿಶಲದಾನ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಕೆಟ್ಟು ಹೋದಂತಹ ಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳು ಯಾವುವು ನಾರ್ತ್ ಕೆನರಾ ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಮೊದಲೇ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಮಗೇನಾದರೂ ಸ್ಪೆಸಿಫಿಕ್ ಆಗಿ ಗೊತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ನನಗೆ ಬರದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರೆ ನಾನು ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—May I know the exact quantity you have procured in that godown?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—During 1968-69, the quantity procured was 1,010 quintals.

Transfer of A.N.M. from Brahmavar to Bidar District

178. Sri S. JAYAPRAKASH SHETTY (Brahmavar) .-

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of Class II, Class III and Class IV Officials working in Health Department;

[†] Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.